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1. ON 5 JULY 1978, ADCM CALLED ON VICE FOREIGN MINISTER  
CHIEN TO MAKE TALKING POINTS BASED ON REFTEL, AS FOLLOWS:

-- NOW THAT THE CONDITIONS CONCERNING THE RESUMPTION OF  
OPERATION OF THE TAIWAN RESEARCH REACTOR (TRR) HAVE BEEN  
MUTUALLY AGREED UPON BY THE UNITED STATES (U.S.) AND THE  
REPUBLIC OF CHINA (ROC), CLEARING THE WAY FOR IMPLEMENTA-  
TION OF THE TRR FUEL RELOAD MEASUREMENT PROGRAM DURING  
JULY 7-21, 1978, WE WISH TO PROCEED WITH ARRANGEMENTS FOR  
THE JULY 24-30 VISIT OF THE U.S. TECHNICAL TEAM.

-- YOU WILL RECALL THE TALKING POINTS TO OUR AIDE MEMOIRE  
OF APRIL 24, 1978, MENTIONED THAT THE U.S. WAS PLANNING TO  
SEND A SMALL TEAM OF OFFICIALS TO THE ROC IN JULY AFTER  
THE SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THE MEASUREMENTS PROGRAM, TO  
REVIEW RESEARCH ACTIVITIES AT THE INSTITUTE OF NUCLEAR  
ENERGY RESEARCH AND TO INITIATE TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS ON  
CONVERSION OF THE TRR TO OPERATION ON LOW ENRICHED  
URANIUM FUEL.

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-- THE U.S. TECHNICAL TEAM, LED BY DR. GERARD F. HELFRICH  
OF THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY, NOW PLANS TO VISIT THE  
ROC ON JULY 24-30 TO REVIEW ROC NUCLEAR RESEARCH AND  
DEVELOPMENT WORK, AND TO DISCUSS CONVERSION OF THE TRR TO  
LOW ENRICHED URANIUM FUEL.

-- THE EMBASSY WILL BE MAKING ARRANGEMENTS WHICH WILL IN-  
CLUDE OFFICIAL CALLS ON MONDAY, VISITS TO THE CHUNG SHAN

INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (CIST) AND INER ON TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY, A VISIT TO ORCHID ISLAND ON THURSDAY, PROBABLY A RETURN TO CIST/INER ON FRIDAY, AND A FINAL CALL AT THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS ON SATURDAY.

-- WE WOULD LIKE TO RE-CONFIRM WITH YOUR GOVERNMENT THAT THE U.S. TECHNICAL TEAM WILL HAVE UNRESTRICTED ACCESS TO ANY ROC NUCLEAR ACTIVITY IT WISHES TO VISIT, AS HAS BEEN THE CASE IN THE PAST.

-- WE DO NOT EXPECT ANY PUBLICITY REGARDING THE U.S. TECHNICAL TEAM'S VISIT TO TAIWAN, BUT WE WOULD APPRECIATE THE ROC'S COOPERATION IN ENSURING THAT THERE IS NONE.

2. CHIEN RESPONDED THAT HE WOULD ALERT THE AEC, INER, AND CIST REGARDING THE TEAM'S VISIT. HE INDICATED THAT THERE WOULD NOT BE ANY DIFFICULTY WITH THE TEAM HAVING "UNRESTRICTED ACCESS" TO ROC NUCLEAR ACTIVITIES, AND THAT HE CONSIDERED THIS THE MOST IMPORTANT OF ALL THE TALKING POINTS. CHIEN STATED HE WAS FLATTERED THAT THE TEAM WISHED TO CALL ON HIM TWICE, ALTHOUGH HE INDICATED THAT THEY MIGHT ALSO CALL ON PREMIER SUN IF IT SEEMED DESIRABLE. ADCM INDICATED THAT THIS COULD BE CONSIDERED AT A LATER DATE.

3. DETAILS ON ARRANGEMENTS REQUESTED IN PARA 3 REFTEL WILL  
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